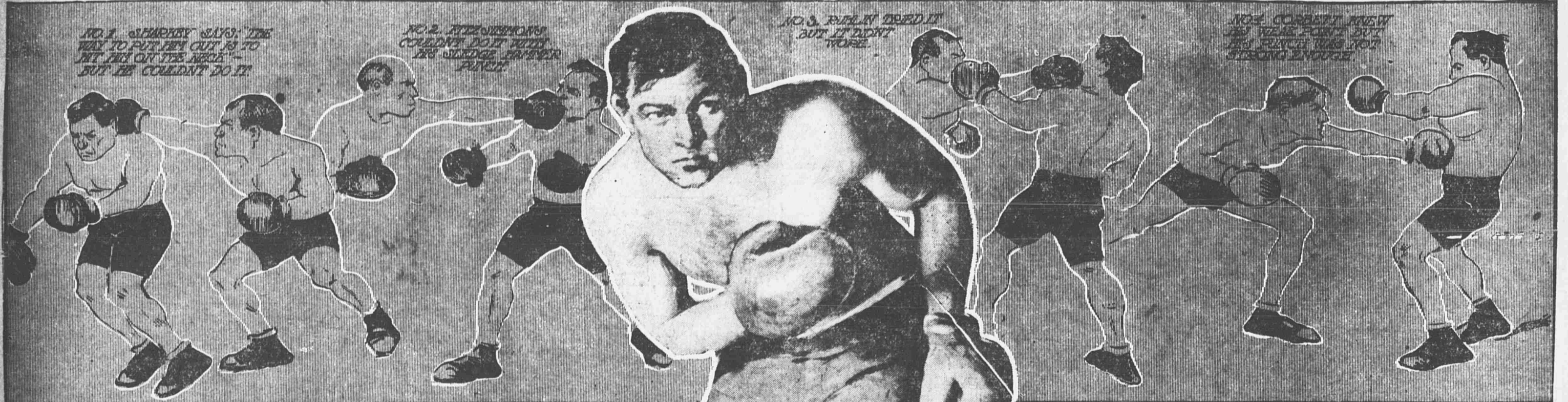


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WHAT BLOW WILL PUT JEFFRIES OUT? A LEFT-HAND PUNCH IN STOMACH, SAYS SHARKEY.



All the Heavyweights Have Tried Various Blows on the Champion, but Munroe's Swing to the Jaw Came Nearest to Doing the Trick, Still the Ex-Sailor, Explaining Jeff's Crouch, Argues that Only the Body Wallop Will Lay Boilermaker Low.

They have all had a crack at Jim Jeffries—they meaning Joe Fitzsimmons, James J. Corbett, Tom Sharkey, Gus Ruhlman and Jack Munroe—and none of them have been able to put him out. They have tried various punches without effect. Munroe came nearest to success by knocking the champion to his knees with a left-hand swing to the jaw, but no one takes Munroe seriously because they believe that the blow was an accident which landed because Jeffries was careless. A very slight blow to the jaw will knock the stoutest man down under certain conditions. Experts know this fact, and for this reason attack but little importance to the feat of the husky miner, who has been heralded as the coming champion.

Jeffries's vulnerable point is his stomach. No one has ever been able to reach it with sufficient force to stagger the big champion. If the reader will carefully examine the photo which accompanies this story, the reason why Corbett, Sharkey, Fitzsimmons and others have failed to reach the champion's weak point will be readily seen. Note the peculiar crouch, which draws the right arm and hand carefully guarding that weak spot. Note the straight extended left, the safeguard which keeps Jeffries's opponents at a distance.

No one dare run into that extended left, for the slightest jolt, with the power of a massive frame behind it, makes it a source of constant danger. It will be

seen that Jeffries has a perfect defense in this extended left and his peculiar crouching pose, and there is no question that the champion adopted this after a careful study of himself.

Tom Sharkey probably gave Jim Jeffries the hardest battle the champion ever had. Sharkey knew the champion's vulnerable point, but he was never able to reach it; but once. Then he made Jeffries groan with pain. Sharkey always believed that if he could have landed another punch on the tender stomach he would have won that battle.

Sharkey was asked by an Evening World reporter what in his opinion was the blow that would knock out Jim Jeffries.

"A left-hand punch to the stomach," replied Sharkey promptly. "That is Jeffries's weak point. A left or right hand swing on the back of the neck might do it. I don't think Jeffries will ever be knocked out by a punch on the jaw. He has a jaw like a stone house."

"By a left-hand punch to the stomach you mean a left shift—something of the sort used by Fitzsimmons when he knocked out Corbett at Carson City?"

"That's it exactly," replied Sharkey. "But it will be a good man who will be able to reach Jeffries's stomach. His crouch makes the feat difficult. Tommy Ryan taught him that pose. The first thing Tommy did when he took Jeffries in hand was to find out his weak point. When he learned it was the stomach he made Jeffries adopt the crouch. That extended left hand is another strong defense which Jeffries uses. I never could understand why he used to keep that hand stuck out in front of him. He never led with it and it always seemed to be stuck out there to push his opponent away."

"Since I have stopped fighting," continued Sharkey, "I have learned something. I find that the slightest touch

will throw a man off his blow. I experimented for some time just for my own education and I soon realized the value of that extended left which Jeffries keeps in front of him. One touch from that left lessens the force of a man's blow and when he comes in to Jeffries he can do no damage, but gets that right hand smash to the heart which is Jeffries's best blow."

"If Jeffries cannot be knocked out by a blow on the jaw how do you account for the fact that Munroe knocked Jeffries down with a punch in the face?"

"Oh, well, I can imagine how that happened. Jeff probably waltzed up to Munroe in gay fashion, not thinking Munroe would be aggressive, and he left himself open. A thing like that is likely to happen to any man."

"What do you think of Munroe?"

"I'll bet \$1,000 to \$5,000 that I can stop him in six rounds," was Sharkey's reply.

Sharkey's remarks are interesting. The chances are that he is correct in siding up Jeffries as a defensive fighter. The protecting left and the right guarding the stomach well drawn in are peculiarities that have been noted by every one who has seen the champion fight.

In the go with Corbett at Coney Island, Jeffries made very few leads and yet it was a left hand punch that did the trick. Corbett out, however, for Corbett has been thrown on the ropes and the round sent him back just in time to meet that outstretched left which jolted Corbett in exactly the right place to put him out. According to Sharkey, Jeffries knows his man will come to him and that he will be able to land that heavy right on the brow.

Sharkey says that the man who whips Jeffries will have to be clever and quick. Jeffries will have to be clever and quick. Jeffries will have to be clever and quick. Jeffries will have to be clever and quick.

BOWLERS GET TOGETHER AND ARRANGE TOURNEY.

Twenty-one Teams Represented for Manhattan Borough Championship Games.

Representatives from the twenty-one clubs who have teams entered in the Manhattan Borough tournament, attended the final meeting of the League which was held at Louis T. Schutte's last night. The meeting was scheduled for 8 o'clock, but as many of the delegates were late in putting in an appearance it was almost 10 o'clock before the meeting was called to order by President Henry H. Meinken, of the Hotentots Bowling Club.

Delegates from the following clubs were present: Morningstars, Stickers Reform, Hotentots, Clipper, Cyclone, Circle, Brookside, Constitution, Cable, Norddeutscher Hamiltonian, Southwestern, Broadway, Hudson, Gotham, Royal Arcanum Wheelmen, Harlem Circle, Pan American and Active. The latter team took the place of the Emerson

Bowling Club, who backed out at the last minute.

Henry Munken, the Chairman pro tem, was elected President. P. W. Pryor, Jr., of the Cyclone Bowling Club, Vice-President; Joan Wittmer, Secretary, and Louis F. Schutte, Treasurer.

The tournament will be conducted under the auspices of the American Bowling Congress, teams to consist of five men each. The opening games will be rolled Monday evening, Jan. 5, when the Hotentots will take on the Stickers and Cyclones. The schedule for the next six such follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 6—Clipper, Hamiltonian and Norddeutscher; Wednesday, Jan. 7—Gotham, Reform and Morningstars; Thursday, Jan. 8—Broadway, Brookside and Circle; Friday, Jan. 9—Pan-American, Hudson and Royal Arcanum Wheelmen; Monday, Jan. 12—Park, Constitution and Hotentots; Tuesday, Jan. 13—Cable, Smithsonian and Active.

ONLY AMATEURS ALLOWED TO RACE

Contest for Cleveland Challenge Cup a New Event for Simon-Pure Drivers.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—The Gentleman Driving Club, of Cleveland, will offer a challenge cup to be competed for by trotters driven by amateurs. The conditions will be nearly the same as those governing the Boston Challenge Cup. The only difference will be that the amateur status of horse and owner will be a trifle more definitely drawn so as to prevent any argument arising at any future time.

The race will be open to all horses owned and driven by amateurs, provided that the horses have participated in at least two matinees prior to the race, and have not participated in a professional race within thirty days of the race. The latter condition will show that the horsemen are true amateurs, for whom the race is offered.

Three men who wish to race their horses under the conditions, and then only take part in the amateur event will be barred.

RACING NOTES.

Rough Rider broke far-out yesterday and at one stage of the race absolutely lost. This horse ran a good race and is due to win shortly. Jockey Hoar pulled Lord Melbourne out at the post. He evidently did not think it was going to be a go. Sheriff Bell made a poor showing in the same race. Jockey Cannon says the colt had to speed. It looks as though his horse is going a distance.

James Owsby, by now the sole owner of the famous night mare, the meeting was for the purpose of giving dates for the two meetings that the Owsbys were to have in the New Year. The Owsbys were in the New Year. The Owsbys were in the New Year. The Owsbys were in the New Year.

San Hildreth declined to make additions to his stable, and incidentally to give a black eye to the recent fact that he was broke. His most recent acquisition is a mare, a yearling filly, and Owsby bought him out, as well as Harlow. He has been telling that he will be permitted to race the horses.

Frank Van Ness, the well-known owner and trainer of racing horses, is due to leave for his winter home in the South. He is due to leave for his winter home in the South. He is due to leave for his winter home in the South.

Dr. J. D. Neel, kindergarten stud, who has made such a success as a breeder, through the ownership of the remarkable English mare, Imp, Cinderella and Imp Vandalia, will be a full-fledged trainer in the coming season. The yearlings it was recently reported were sold in the hands of the really partnership horses. She says a "call" interest in them.

Chile Span, who rode in Russia the past summer, will arrive at New Orleans from Louisiana today. He will accept a "call" interest in them.

Howard Law, who trains Joseph E. Widener's jumpers, has signed Jockey Barry to ride for the stable all season.

M'CHESNEY MAY BE SOLD FOR \$30,000

Crack Thoroughbred Likely to Become the Property of M. H. Tichenor Soon.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—McChesney, the great Western three-year-old, will likely be sold to M. H. Tichenor, the Chicago horseman, for a sum in the neighborhood of \$30,000 within the next twenty-four hours. The Chicagoan has asked the present owners of the horse, Durnell & Herz, to name their price and that he will buy him. The partners are now considering the proposition, and it is expected that they will announce their figure to-day.

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MUNROE SENDS ANSWER TO CHARLEY HORAN.

Fighter Says He May Referee Bernstein-Muldoon Match Next Friday.

Charley Horan, who manages the clever little feather-weight, Joe Bernstein, who is to engage in a wrestling match with "Young Muldoon" at Cleveland Hall next Friday night, has received word from Jack Munroe, the Butte fighter, that if he arrives in New York in time he will referee the bout.

Bernstein, under the charge of Leo Pardo, the Italian champion wrestler, and another referee, is getting into good condition for his bout with the clever "Muldoon," and says he will repeat the victory he scored in Baltimore recently. "Muldoon" is training at an uptown gymnasium, and according to George Rothman, the clever little wrestler, who saw him work yesterday, he is a good boy and will likely make the contest in which he is to take part interesting.

JOHNNIE NELSON LEFT ESTATE OF \$7,500.

Cyclist Earned that Amount in "Two Years as a Racer."

That cycle racing is profitable has been made evident by the amount of money earned by the late Johnnie Nelson as a star on the American tracks for two years.

The rider who died of injuries received in a race behind papa at Madison Square Garden over a year ago, left an estate valued at \$7,500. It has been said and his parents, who were recently here from Sweden, have collected it.

QUAKERS THINK GARDNER WILL WIN

Many New Yorkers Expect to Witness Championship Battle With Gans.

Since the proposed bout for the feather-weight championship between "Young Griffo" and Terry McGovern has been called off for another indefinite period, followers of the pugilistic game are now lending their interest to the contest for the light-weight championship which will be decided on New Year's afternoon, and will have as principals Joe Gans, the present holder, and Gus Gardner, the clever fighter, of Philadelphia. When the two men enter the ring in the clubhouse of the National Athletic Club, of New Britain, it is likely that many old faces familiar at ringsides in the days when bouts were permitted in New York will be seen. Already many prominent sporting men who are now in this city have decided to begin the New Year by attending the bout. As a betting affair the fight promises to be big.

There are many who believe Gardner has little or no chance against the clever colored man. Still, his Philadelphia friends are sure, and base their claim on their favorite's performances against Ernie when he was champion and his bouts with George McFadden that he will not be easily disposed of by Gans.

They might not bet on the result, but will take plenty of odds on the length of the bout. The weight which is agreed on, 135 pounds at 11 o'clock in the morning, is said to suit Gardner to a nicety, and it is that fact which leads many to believe that he has a big advantage in the contest.

Billy Barrett loses in England. Billy Barrett, the east side fighter, whose pugilistic showings were never regarded as anything very great, got another beating in London last night. He met Dick Lee, of London, in a twenty-round bout before the Gymnasium Club, and was so badly outpointed at the finish that the referee awarded the Briton the decision. The bout was interesting all the way through, but at no time did Barrett appear to have the least the better of the exchanges.

Ryan Is to Be a New Yorker. Tommy Ryan, the middle-weight champion of the world, is now considering the idea of making New York his home in the future. Kansas City has claimed the champion as one of its boys, but Tommy's business interests

have ceased there and there is every likelihood that he will agree on his course to come East. Ryan expects to end his fighting career after New Year's. He says that during his fifteen years of fighting he has earned many thousands of dollars, and that to-day he has nearly \$50,000 in the bank. It is possible he may come here to open a saloon.

"Young Griffo" On Earth Again. "Young Griffo," the clever feather-weight of a few years ago, but who has an experienced living in jails and lunatic asylums, is reported from Peoria, Ill., to be on his feet again and going along nicely in the fighting business. He appeared in an eight-round bout in that city on Thursday night against Jack Bain, a local lightweight, and so clearly outpointed and outboxed his man that at the end he was given the decision. It was his first fight since he engaged Jim Popp, the Canadian champion, in a "go" about two years ago. What "Young Griffo" will do with the money he got for winning is not known, but by wise ones it is predicted that he will go the same old route to downfall.

It looks as if Billy Ryan, the feather-weight, is going to get a go with the top notchers at last. The little fellow was promised first chance with McGovern if the Detroit battle fell through, and he will now probably meet Terry in a twenty-round bout. McGovern has been whipped by Young Ernie, Jack McFadden, Tim Callahan and Eddie Santry. He has been after Young Corbett and McGovern for some time, and is now training for his prospective go with the latter.

George Byers, the old Boston middle-weight, has been recruited and put in the fighting business. He met Mike Shallow, of Boston, in a six-round bout in Boston on Tuesday night, and was given the decision.

Robert Fitzsimmons knocked out Mike Rankin, the heavy-weight fighter of Eastern Montana, in fifteen seconds last night at Roseman, Mont. Rankin weighed 180 pounds and went down before a heavy jab on the jaw.

Xavier's Hockey Team. The Xavier A. A. has put a strong hockey team on the ice this season, a number of the players being former members of the champion Montreal team. Games are being arranged with all the crack organizations. The team lines up as follows: Goal, tender, Fitzsimmons; forward, point, Clarke; point, forward, Willie Liston; Dowling, Quinn.

THE FOOTLIGHTS ATTRACT MUNROE

Butte Fighter to Get \$500 a Week to Show on Stage How He Fought Jeffries.

BUTTE, Dec. 27.—Jack Munroe, the man who gave Jeffries a hard four-round bout, is the latest dispenser of swings, jabs, jolts and other blows known to followers of pugilism to announce his debut on the stage. Munroe has accepted the offer to come East and for six weeks will show spectators in a theatre how he gave the champion of the world such a hard fight. A Boston vaudeville company was the first to see in Munroe a good drawing card and it wired him an offer of \$500 a week for six weeks a box on the stage. Munroe accepted and is only waiting for the signed contract before starting East.

His first stop will be in New York, where he has a big offer to referee a wrestling match.

Like a well-informed pugilist with stage aspirations, Munroe has begun talking fight. He has heard of the challenges of Sharkey and "Kid" McCoy and says that as soon as his engagement expires he will be ready to sign articles with either man.

Talking of McCoy, he thinks the "Kid" is foolish to talk fight with him. He thinks McCoy too light and advances the opinion that the "Kid" will have to be considerably improved in his fighting since he saw him to have even the chance of going a couple of rounds.

Sharkey, though, is the man he is after. He will talk business with the ex-sailor first.

M'GOVERN RETIRES FROM THE STAGE

Manager Harris Says Terry's Defeat by "Young Corbett" Can Be Credited to It.

The old claim so many times made that the stage is no place for a fighter, particularly if he has future battles in mind, is now corroborated by such a shrewd individual as Sam Harris, the manager of Terry McGovern. Harris lays all blame on the stage for Terry's defeat at the hands of "Young Corbett" over a year ago. He says it has made the Brooklyn boy slow, and that to regain his title Terry will not be seen before the footlights again until after Jan. 1, 1903. In the mean time Terry will do nothing but prepare himself for fights and do nothing to earn his daily bread but fight.

Harris says McGovern is fast graduating from his class as a feather-weight, and that when he fights "Young Corbett" it will probably be his last appearance in the division, that after that he will seek the light-weight championship in a fight with Joe Gans or the man who may possibly hold the title when Terry is ready to challenge for it.

Gibbs for Captain Again. Former captain of the Century Wheelmen, Matthew Gibbs, well known to cyclists in 1895, 1896 and 1897, who introduced more ideas for cycling adopted by all, wheeling clubs throughout the United States than any one man, has agreed to be a candidate for captain of the Century Wheelmen at its annual election in January. Mr. Gibbs has for opponents the present captain, John L. Wessel, and Lieut. E. H. Robinson.

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Until a captain and manager for next season are picked nothing definite of the next season's policy can be crystallized from the unofficial undergraduate sentiment which now favors a game with a Western team.

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REIFF TO PUSH CASE IN FRANCE.

Crack American Jockeys Arrive from Europe and Tell of Their Plans.

Johnnie Reiff, the American jockey, who has been the talk of the racing world for many months, returned to America this morning. A few hours were spent in New York, and then the little fellow, who has earned more money in a year than the President of the United States, took a train for California.

Reiff came over on the Philadelphia, the American liner. On the same boat came Clem Jenkins, one of the few American jockeys still in favor in France, and McIntire, who lost his license the same time Reiff did.

The boys were the centre of interest when the big liner docked and had every porter and express man at their beck and call. The customs officials also did homage, and as a result they soon had their things inspected and out of the way.

Each wore a heavy black overcoat, fur lined and trimmed exactly alike with Persian lamb's wool. Their derby hats were also of the same pattern and each carried a wrapped about them, a pair of field glasses.

Reiff was the first one to get his things inspected and he hurried away from the pier with a friend and did not wait for the other two.

"I am going to California to-day," he said, "but will be back here early in February and sail at once for France to push my case against the race-tracks. I have no doubt as to the outcome and will surely be granted a license as well as heavy damages. The court has al-

ready awarded me damages against a newspaper that published the charges made against me, and that was a great vindication for me. The court also ordered that twenty other papers print the fact that I had won my case."

"As to plans for next season I have nothing to say. I cannot say anything until the matter is settled in the courts, and do not care to discuss the causes which led up to the revoking of my license. That matter will all be rehearsed in the courts at the proper time and I do not care to say anything now that might anticipate evidence that will be presented in my behalf."

"When I am reinstated I do not know where I will ride. I have made no plans along those lines at all. The main thing I am after now is vindication."

"McIntire will return to France earlier. I am going back in about three weeks," said he, "and will ride over there just as soon as I get my license for next season. Until I am ready to go I will stay here, around New York. There is no case against any of the American boys, and all will be reinstated as soon as the courts get through with the matter."

Clem Jenkins will not waste any time resting up here. "I will go to California in two weeks," said he, "and get right down to riding. I intend to ride in Frisco all winter and return to England in the early spring. I have not signed for next season because I have not cared to. I can have a contract with any one of three big stables that I wish and will go with the one I think best. There is lots of time to decide that point later."

"I like to ride abroad and will continue to do so. I have always been treated with the greatest consideration over there and have found the game clean and good at all times."

PLANS FOR HOCKEY LEAGUE AMONG MILITIAMEN.

Teams of National Guardsmen to Play for Championship. At a meeting held in Brooklyn last night a new hockey league was proposed, the members to belong to the National Guard.

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